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THE WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS

BRIEF RECORD OF PASSING EVENTS IN THIS AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

IN LATE DISPATCHES

DOINGS AND HAPPENINGS THAT MARK THE PROGRESS OF THE AGE.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

ABOUT THE WAR

Italians report victory over Austrians in small engagements.

Russians again strongly on the offensive in east Galicia and Volhynia. The British steamer Argo has been sunk. One member of the crew was lost.

French enter section of Germans' first line trenches south of Somme river.

A separate peace offer conveyed to Belgium by an official of the Vatican has been rejected.

Berlin reports British cruiser Caroline and two destroyers were sunk by Zeppelins in recent raid over England.

About 14,000 German troops from West African colony crossed the border into Spanish territory and were disarmed and interned.

Germany and Austria announce that beginning March 1 all armed merchantmen will be treated as warships, to be attacked without warning.

Germans capture large section of trenches from French northwest of Vimy. French claim gains and repulse of two strong attacks by Germans southwest of Vimy.

Earl Kitchener probably will quit the British Cabinet to take active command in the field. A civilian will succeed him as secretary of state, but the war part of his office will be filled by an officer.

Germany's plan of shifting troops from one point to another was frustrated by a united attack by the allies on all fronts. Some ground was gained by the allies, but according to Berlin the Germans recaptured most of it.

WESTERN

Mrs. Pauline Randle was divorced at San Francisco from her husband, Jules, who, she swore, has been drunk for thirteen years.

Despite a contrary ruling by Attorney General Lacey, the Cook county, Ill., election board accepted the decision of their counsel that women may be allowed to vote for delegates and alternates to the national conventions.

The Metropolitan Street Railway Company, under a settlement reached in the Circuit Court at Kansas City, agreed to pay Miss Evelyn Whittington, 16 years old, \$500 for a kiss administered by one of the company's conductors.

The federation of state medical boards elected the following officers at Chicago: President, Dr. David A. Stickler, Denver; vice president, Dr. Walter P. Bowers, Boston; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Walter L. Biering, Des Moines, Iowa.

Two deaths and the safe return of one man who had been reported drowned increased to eighteen the number of those known to have perished in the Arkansas flood. It is believed two other persons were drowned near Arkansas City.

A breach of promise suit for \$200,000 was filed in New York city against Capt. James Walworth Flanagan, U. S. N., retired, who, a year and a half ago, married Miss Hazel Bird Brown, daughter of David Brown, president of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company of Denver.

Navajo Indians are dancing their war dance and threatening to attack white settlers in northeastern Arizona. In retaliation for the slaying of one of their number recently by policemen, according to Frank McNeill and R. C. Jones, cowboys, who have arrived at Flagstaff, Ariz., from Utah.

WASHINGTON

Public lands committee heard western men on 640-acre grazing homestead bill.

The House passed the bill to provide for colnage of 100,000 McKinley souvenir dollars.

The Senate passed bills to make \$600,000 immediately available for Mare Island and New York navy yards and increase Annapolis midshipmen.

The forty-fifth anniversary of its establishment was celebrated by the United States Bureau of Fisheries with the unveiling of a bronze tablet in memory of its founder, Spencer Fullerton Baird.

Speaker Clark introduced a bill to increase number of judges at West Point.

President Wilson accepted the resignation of Lindley M. Garrison as secretary of war.

Ramon Zwiednik, Austrian charge d'affaires, called on Secretary Lansing and discussed the question of armed merchantmen.

The House adopted a resolution authorizing the War Department to lend army tents, rations and other supplies to sufferers in the flood area.

FOREIGN

At Panama three sharp earthquake shocks occurred. The whole city and the canal zone were shaken.

Fears that Chihuahua city will be attacked by forces led by Francisco Villa are general in that city.

A Bucharest dispatch to the Milan Secola says that in the explosion at the Skoda armament factory in Bohemia, 195 workmen perished.

The first snow of the season fell in Paris on the 10th. The snowfall was general throughout northern France and in all the French country.

According to advices received at Panama, from La Paz, capital of Bolivia, a section of the city about 1,500 yards long is sliding into the Choqueyahu river.

President Forras formally opened the Panama national exposition, which had been postponed several times owing to delay in the completion of the buildings and in obtaining exhibits.

Col. Hipolito Villa, brother of Gen. Francisco Villa, was arrested at Havana at the request of William E. Gonzales, the American minister to Cuba. Villa is charged with damaging the railroad near El Paso.

Sensational reports of the discovery of new German plots were in circulation as parliament prepared to assemble at Ottawa, Ont., to discuss the origin of the fire that destroyed the Canadian parliament buildings.

The government at Peking announced that its troops had recaptured Pinghsan, northeast of Suifu, in the southern part of Szechuan province, and that a general attack upon the rebels at Suifu is imminent.

Gen. Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien has relinquished the command of the British forces operating in East Africa, owing to ill health. Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, the minister of the interior, mines and defense of the unit of South Africa, has accepted the vacancy.

SPORTING NEWS

Adolph Wolgast and Frankie Burns stepped off ten vicious rounds at Kansas City in a no-decision battle.

Jack Dillon of Indianapolis out fought Battling Levinsky of New York in a ten-round bout in Brooklyn.

Charley White of Chicago decisively outpointed Harvey Thorpe of Kansas City in a ten-round, no-decision fight at Kansas City.

O. S. Goff, business agent of the Arkansas Valley Baseball league, is making a wholesale raid on the semi-pro ball teams in Denver. He sent offers to twelve players who have been performing on the corner lots of Denver the last few seasons.

It is announced at Grand Junction, Colo., that Raymond Fagan, son of Master Mechanic J. L. Fagan, has been given a berth with the Detroit Tigers for the 1916 season. Last season Fagan pitched for Oklahoma City and won all thirteen of the games he pitched.

Articles of agreement for the richest ten-round fight in history were signed in New York when negotiations for the bout between Jess Willard and Frank Moran were formally closed.

Under the terms of the fight Willard and Moran will meet March 8 for a purse that will total \$70,000. Willard is guaranteed \$10,000 as his share of the fight and will receive a \$5,000 bonus for signing and \$2,500 training expenses. Moran will receive a total of \$22,500. Of this amount \$2,500 is a bonus for signing.

GENERAL

Formal announcement was made in St. Louis of the engagement of Miss Clara Busch, granddaughter of the late Adolphus Busch, and Percy Orthwein, an artist.

Police aid was invoked in New York in the search for Miss Grace McLaughlin, daughter of a former deputy chief of police, from whom she is said to have inherited \$75,000.

At Sherman, Tex., the Rev. H. M. Cagle died of wounds inflicted when he was shot on the street by Mrs. Annie Faust. Mr. Cagle died without making any statement in regard to the affair.

Belvidere Brooks, vice president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died at his home in New York of heart trouble. He had been in poor health for several months, but his death came suddenly.

Hans Schmidt, the former priest convicted of the murder of Anna Amuller in New York in September 1913, must pay the penalty of his crime in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison during the week of Feb. 13.

Col. William P. Hepburn, former member of Congress, from the Eighth Iowa district, died at Clarinda after a long illness. Death resulted from kidney and heart trouble. Besides the widow, a son and daughter survive him.

That President Wilson would be re-nominated without opposition, was the consensus of opinion of members of the subcommittee of the Democratic national committee, who met in St. Louis to arrange details for the Democratic national convention.

Hundreds of Iowans paid their last tribute to Col. W. P. Hepburn, former congressman, who died at his home in Clarinda, Ia. The services were under the auspices of the local G. A. R. post, while the services at the cemetery were conducted by the Masons.

NEW MEXICO STATE NEWS

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COMING EVENTS

March 7-8.—Meeting Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's Association at Albuquerque.

March 10-11.—Meeting New Mexico Cattle and Horse Breeders' Association at Deming.

July 4-5.—Cowboys' Reunion at Las Vegas.

Three prisoners escaped from the Clovis jail.

Carlsbad soon will commence paving its streets.

The "drys" won at Clovis, the vote being 37 to 273.

Estancia's village council has gone into the tree-planting rime.

Taylor & Powers will prospect for oil in the Red Bill country near Torrington.

The contract for the new \$12,000 school building at Mountainair has been let.

Hicks & Jones of Cuervo have sold a total of \$125,000 worth of stock in the past year.

Las Cruces gets \$52,000 for her public building in the deficiency bill passed by the Senate.

There is one school in New Mexico which has a poultry club and also a pig club. It is at Lovington.

Roswell business men are greatly dissatisfied over the Sunday closing rule at the postoffice there.

Ernest Augustus Mayo of Magdalena has been commissioned a notary public by Governor McDonald.

The boy scouts of Las Vegas celebrated the anniversary of scout movement during the week of Feb. 6.

The New Mexico Electrical Association will hold its second annual meeting at Albuquerque, Feb. 14, 15 and 16.

A total area of 640,000 acres was filed upon in the Santa Fe U. S. land office during the month of January.

The New Mexico Cowboys' Reunion Association of Las Vegas is already getting ready for its celebration on July 4, 5 and 6.

James E. Edison, a brakeman, was struck by a car at Deming, sustaining injuries to his back, two broken ribs and minor hurts.

State Bank Examiner Rufus H. Carter turned into the state treasury \$203, the total of fees collected from bank during January.

Emmett Goodin was released from custody at Roswell on a charge of killing Joe Burleson, only to be rearrested on a charge of white slaving.

U. S. District Judge William H. Pope appointed W. F. McVaine of Carlsbad a U. S. commissioner, succeeding Guy A. Reed, resigned.

Arrangements for the establishment of postoffices at the 85 mine and at Shakespeare were made by Postal Inspector William Trosenard of Albuquerque.

The governor appointed the following notaries public: J. A. McDonald, Kelly; Andrew C. Crozier, Lakewood; Frank Herron, Las Cruces; Edwin H. Hughes, Solano.

Welbort Sewall and John Stavley of Lovington have bought all the stock owned by Ned Shattuck of Queen paying \$5.50 for ewes, \$1.75 for spring lambs and \$15 for bucks.

Suit for \$10,000 damages for personal injuries has been filed against the Victor-American Fuel Company of Gallup by Theodore Kentones in the District Court at Roswell.

Charles Works was awarded damages in the District Court in the sum of one cent in his suit in which D. W. Low, Meldrum Gray and others were made defendants at Roswell.

Word reached Las Vegas of the death of George Kohn of Montoya, a brother of Charles Kohn, who died in Kansas City on his wedding tour. The shock of his brother's death was given as the cause.

A session of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Breeders' Association has been scheduled for Deming on March 10 and 11, immediately after the session of the Panhandle Association at Albuquerque.

The divorce suit of the Rev. Ellis Smith, now pastor of a church in Albuquerque and formerly pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Roswell, produced several sensations before it closed.

The conviction and sentence in Los Lunas of Lorenzo Pino and Isidro Chavez for cattle stealing brought to an end what was practically an allsummer chase after cattle rustlers in western Socorro county.

Reports submitted by forest officers in charge of the national forests of New Mexico show a total of 655 deer, 530 turkeys, 47 bear, 445 coyotes, 57 wolves and 16 lions killed by hunters during the season of 1915.

William McRae, one of the most prominent ranchers of the San Juan basin, died at the family home two miles east of Farmington, at the age of 73 years. He was a pioneer of that section, having located there in 1877. He served as county clerk of San Juan county in the early days.

\$26,000 LICENSE FEES

HILL DISTRIBUTES AMOUNTS COLLECTED DURING 1915.

Half Goes Into State Treasury for Highway Fund and an Equal Amount to Various Counties.

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Santa Fe.—The first distribution of funds received for 1916 motor vehicle licenses, covering the 2,965 automobiles, 127 motorcycle and 67 dealers' licenses issued up to Jan. 30, was made by Assistant State Secretary Adolph Hill. The total amount received was \$26,221.91, and of this total \$11,900.13 goes into the state treasury for the benefit of the state highway fund, and an equal amount is apportioned to the twenty-six counties, the apportionment being based on the sums received from each county for licenses. The total cost of administration, which includes the purchase of license tags, is placed at \$2,343.68, leaving a balance on hand of \$77.97.

In the apportionment of the total of \$11,900.13 to the counties, Chaves gets the largest share, \$1,659.38. Bernalillo is second with \$1,495.13, and Grant third with \$1,212.56. All other counties receive less than \$1,000.00. The amount apportioned to each county, and the percentage of each county in the total cost of administration, follow:

County	Amount	Per Ct. of Apportioned Expenses
Bernalillo	\$1,659.38	28.74
Chaves	1,495.13	25.23
Colfax	786.42	13.36
Curry	278.12	4.68
Doña Ana	616.07	10.42
Eddy	229.26	3.86
Guadalupe	247.22	4.15
Hidalgo	252.09	4.24
Luna	644.29	10.86
McKinley	182.92	3.05
San Miguel	284.37	4.78
Otero	322.14	5.37
Quay	411.31	6.86
Rio Arriba	200.02	3.35
Roosevelt	292.99	4.92
Sandoval	273.39	4.59
San Juan	708.09	11.87
San Ysidro	420.42	7.04
Santa Fe	221.13	3.71
Sierra	122.12	2.05
Socorro	723.08	12.13
Taos	345.7	5.84
Torrance	216.41	3.63
Valencia	192.31	3.24
Total	\$11,900.13	200.00

Fourth Victim of Auto Tragedy Dead.

Deming.—George Critchett died at the local hospital as the result of injuries received when the auto which he was driving was ground to pieces under the wheels of a switching Santa Fe train at the Gold avenue crossing. Mr. Critchett is the fourth victim of the accident to die, the three Vallandigham sisters being almost instantly killed and their father, E. R. Vallandigham, editor of the Deming Herald, painfully injured. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Critchett, parents of George Critchett, and Cecil Critchett, a brother, were at the bedside when the end came.

Auto Hits Arroyo; Man Killed.

Silver City.—Leonard Atkins, leader of the Silver City Elks' band, and employed as a bookkeeper in the purchasing department at Fort Bayard, was killed on the Fort Bayard-Silver City road when an automobile which he was driving to this city in company with Sergeant Craig, ran into a deep arroyo about a mile from Central.

Three Sisters Buried in Single Grave.

Deming.—The three daughters of E. R. Vallandigham, killed in an automobile accident here, now rest in a single large grave. Practically the entire population of Deming accompanied the bodies to the grave.

Two Below in Santa Fe.

Santa Fe.—The night of Jan. 31 was the coldest this winter here, the thermometer registering two below zero.

Court Reduces Sum for Heart Balm.

Santa Fe.—Judge William H. Pope in the Federal Court issued an order that the verdict for \$16,700 damages awarded by a jury to Margaret Wad-dell of Los Angeles against A. R. Man-by of Taos for breach of promise, be cut to \$7,000, on the ground that the damages were excessive. The plain-tiff is given the alternative of accepting the reduction or having the case retried.

Attorneys Deny Charges of Bar.

Santa Fe.—State Treasurer O. N. Marron and Attorney Francis E. Wood, composing the law firm of Marron & Wood, filed in the Federal Court an answer denying specifically all the charges preferred by a committee from the bar, looking to the disbarment of the attorneys.

Corporation Commission Receipts.

Santa Fe.—The receipts of the state corporation commission in January were \$1,035.65 in corporation fees and \$323.00 in insurance fees. These amounts have been remitted to the state treasurer.

New Mexico Has 2,105 Teachers.

Santa Fe.—There are employed 2,105 teachers in the public schools of the state, according to statistics completed by Chief Clerk Rupert F. Asplund of the Department of Education, as against 1,936 last year.

Road Grading Completed.

Santa Fe.—That all the grading for the road at Rio Puerco, Valencia county, is completed, was the information conveyed to the Highway Commission by Foreman McLean.

GARRISON RESIGNS

WAR SECRETARY DIFFERS WITH PRESIDENT ON "CONTINENTAL ARMY" PLAN; QUILTS.

Opposition to Philippine Independence Measure Also Ground for Action of Retiring Officer.—Assistant Secretary Breckenridge Also Quits.

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Washington.—Secretary Lindley M. Garrison resigned Thursday because President Wilson would not "irrevocably" support the Continental army plan, and because he opposes the administration's program of setting a definite time for Philippine independence.

President Wilson accepted the resignation and has not selected a successor. The President himself probably will take personal charge of the administration's national defense plans in Congress.

Assistant Secretary Breckenridge also resigned as a mark of loyalty to his chief whose views he shared. The President accepted his resignation. Both take effect immediately. Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, automatically becomes secretary of war ad interim.

The resignation came as a distinct surprise not only to Washington generally, but to members of the Cabinet. One Cabinet officer said that while he knew there was a difference of opinion between the President and Mr. Garrison over handling the army plans, he had not the slightest suspicion that an actual break was impending. Although Mr. Garrison first suggested that he leave the Cabinet last month, Mr. Wilson did not formally accept his resignation until late Thursday afternoon, when informed that Mr. Garrison had left for New York and that a rumor of his resignation were current. The President then dictated the letter of acceptance and dispatched it immediately.

It was not until 8 o'clock Thursday night that formal announcement of the Garrison and Breckenridge resignations was at the White House.

It is known that one of Secretary Garrison's principal reasons for his conviction that only a federal continental army, instead of a reorganized national guard, could be the main military dependence of the nation, was his belief that some day the United States may be called upon to defend the Monroe doctrine, and in that event he foresaw the national guard might not be available for use outside of the United States before a declaration of war.

Upon the contention on the one hand that the continental army or militia universal service was the nation's only reliance, the position, or the other, that no one plan could be enforced upon Congress, President Wilson and his secretary of war parted official company.

Mr. Garrison's resignation was a complete surprise to official Washington generally. He made no personal explanation.

Several hours before the official announcement he had boarded a train with his wife for New York, and word had been passed at the department that he had gone for an indefinite stay.

The acute differences of opinion which led to the break began early in the year when opposition to the continental army plan began developing in Congress.

The circumstances which led up to the resignation are detailed in the secretary's correspondence with the President, which was made public tonight by the White House.

TEUTONS TO SINK ARMED SHIPS

Notice Given That Merchantmen Carrying Guns Will Be Treated as Warships.

Germany and Austria-Hungary have notified the United States and other neutral nations that beginning March 1 they will regard all merchant vessels carrying guns in the same class as warships and that they will be at tacked in the same way, without any obligation to give warning to crew or passengers. The United States, on the strength of this statement, will issue a warning to American citizens that they will not be protected by their government if they take passage on such armed vessels, which, in the eyes of the United States government, would be equivalent to taking passage on an armed cruiser of one of the belligerents.

The action of the Teutonic powers is believed to have grown out of the recent general note by Secretary of State Lansing to all the belligerents, proposing a new set of rules to govern warfare on the sea.

Defense Measures to Be Passed.

Washington.—Republicans of the House military committee assured President Wilson Thursday that a strong army-increase bill drafted in a partisan spirit and accomplishing all the main objects sought by the war department plan would be on the House calendar within three weeks at most. They told him, however, that the committee practically was unanimously opposed to the department's continental army scheme.

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